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Title : IMAGE PRINTING APPARATUS AND METHOD, COMPUTER-READABLE  
STORAGE MEDIUM STORING PROGRAM FOR PRINTING IMAGES,  
IMAGE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, AND DATA MANAGEMENT DEVICE

Art Unit: 2624  
Examiner: Garcia, G.

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Pursuant to his duty of good faith and candor as set forth in 37 CFR 1.56(a), applicant requests that the reference cited on attached form PTO-1449 (a copy of which is enclosed) be considered by the Examiner in connection with the search of the prior art required by 37 CFR 1.104.

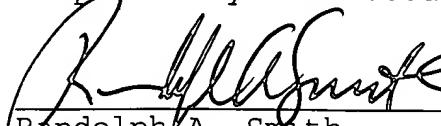
Enclosed is one new Korean language reference that was cited and discussed in the Notice of Submission of Argument mailed on April 8, 2004 from the Korean Patent Office in the Korean counterpart application. The relevance of this reference can be seen from the enclosed English translation of the Notice of Submission of Argument.

This Statement is being filed under 37 CFR 1.97(b) prior to the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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